

6th Grade Language Arts 2016-2017



This page contains information and procedures we will cover in class. Please explain and share this information with your parents. Please have your parents sign this form after you share it with them. Don't hesitate to ask questions if you have them. I'm very excited about our year of learning together!
Thank you- Mrs. Regan

Binder: LA Students will keep three LA tabs in their binder to organize paper materials.

- ✓ ***LA Keepers*** (Frequently used items and resources to be saved all year)
- ✓ ***Units (LA)*** (Current units in progress, will be cleaned out following units)
- ✓ ***LA graded work*** (Cleaned out after every trimester report card)

Computer: Students will also keep folders in their Google Drive for work on specific units. Google Drive may be accessed from ANY computer.

GRADED WORK Graded and returned work, which can be placed in a binder, will be located behind the graded work header sheet. (Tuesday folders will not be used to send home graded work.) Some grades will be shared through other avenues. For example: electronic commenting features on Google Docs, Reading Response Journals, Power Schools, etc. Students and parents will have *access to posted grades through Power Schools this year. (*Look for more information to come at Open House.)

Homework:

Homework will be posted for the week on the LA class Wiki <http://reganexpress.wikispaces.com/>). This can be accessed from the sixth grade Magellan page, under academics. Students will also have it bookmarked on their individual laptops. **Please complete nightly homework as assigned, bringing it to class on the due date.**

Homework is often utilized in the next day's coursework. Therefore, not completing homework impacts a student's ability to successfully participate in class.

- **READING LOG** Sixth grade LA students are expected to read at least 30 minutes nightly or a total of 2.5 hours per week. Nightly reading may be adjusted as long as you are meeting the weekly total. Acceptable choices are novels & nonfiction texts (biographies, historical books, informational texts, etc.). You may also want to occasionally mix it up with poetry, the newspaper, magazines with articles, etc. Please have your parents sign your reading log once a week before Tuesday. Reading Logs will be checked on **Tuesdays**. **Reading logs must be signed weekly to receive homework credit.**

Grading:

Language Arts grades are based on the following areas:

10% Homework

Homework checks, reading logs, assigned reading & preparedness for discussions and classwork

30% Classwork

Reading Response Journal, vocabulary, and other unit assignments from class

30% Tests and Quizzes

In LA, quizzes are more often utilized as assessment, rather than large unit tests.

30% Compositions & Projects

You will be given a rubric for written compositions and projects as they are assigned. Group and individual projects will be assigned.

Student _____ ***Parent*** _____ ***Date:*** _____